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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Yoshio KISHIMOTO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 1379
Serial No.: 10/026,806 : Group Art Unit: 2874
Filed: December 27, 2001 : Examiner: Daniel J. Petkovsek

For: PLANAR OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME
AND POLYMER OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Noting the Office Action of September 9, 2003 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant(s) hereby elect Group I (claims 1-10, drawn to a planar waveguide having refractive index lowering molecules at its periphery) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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